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BOOKMARKS

Jane Scoville

My suburban friends
Are as temporary as bookmarks —

Placed here for only a short while,
Always ready to be pulled out,

Waiting for advancement,
Relocation.

I've learned to not
Mark my place by them . . .

REED AT FOUR

Alison Royen

BOOM! pad, pad, pad,
like a heart starting
to beat, all thirty six
inches of sleepy wandering
hits the sheets and
crawls to the pillows,
plasters his father's
face with kisses and
murmurings of "I love you . . .
love you love you . . .",
finds a warm spot underneath
my chin, squirms his way
in and sighs his contentment,
falling asleep before "Hi
mommy . . ." finds its way to his
smiling lips.